

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON PUBLIC HEALTH

Board Meeting Date: April 21, 2020

Location: Webex Meeting

Members in Attendance: Anthony L. Schlaff, MD, MPH, Chair
David Hemenway, PhD
Pat Maher, APRN, MA MS
Peter Moyer, MD MPH
Gretchen Stoddard, DrPH, MPH

Agenda Items	1. Updates on Select Board 2. Updates on internal communications 3. Updates on cases
Call to Order	7:05 pm
1. Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Dr. Jett planned to join the meeting after Select Board meeting concluded. Select Board meeting ran longer than expected and he was not able to attend. The council adjourned the meeting until next week after discussing other business.</i>
2. Action Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agenda items will be addressed in the next meeting. Other business discussed.
3. Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recognition of front line workers. Pat Maher suggested the council show recognition to workers on the front line in the town. She also wants to recognize residents who are adhering to the stay at home order. Other council members agreed.• Social Distancing Practices. Discussion of younger residents holding parties, not properly social distancing. Police responded, but not able to make people leave when they are indoors.• Public Health Messaging. Dr. Schlaff discussed clear, creative messaging urging residents to stay home. Pat wants to make sure people go out as little as possible, but still go outside for exercise and mental health.• Contact tracing. Explanation of contact tracing for positive cases, people they were in close contact with, quarantine and isolation. Speaking to close contacts and having them quarantine, cases isolate. Working closely with other towns also. Pat estimated about 12 people working in Brookline, trained in contact tracing.• Expanded public ways (Transportation Department). Discussion of the opening, expansion of public ways for essential use.• State guidelines on ventilators. Dr. Schlaff mentioned the changes in state guidance for ventilator assignments.

- **Guidance for masks/face coverings.** The council discussed low compliance for new advisory for masks and new ways to get the message out to residents. Two suggestions: 1) a statewide reverse 911 call to all Mass residents encouraging the use of masks and 2) signage in the community (not just high traffic areas) about social distancing and masks.

Meeting Adjourned 7:58 pm